

Minutes

Troop 870 Parent Meeting 10/03/2011

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Committee Chairman Kari Francis.

II. The following announcements were made:

Arthur Nguyen and his family were welcomed as the newest members to join Troop-870. Parents were informed of minor vandalism that has occurred at the church around the time of our troop meetings. As a result, parents were asked to please exit the building with their scouts immediately after the close of the troop meeting to avoid the appearance of impropriety. Parents were informed that HPD Officer Glenn Juenke will speak to scouts and their parents at the October 24, 2011 troop meeting about internet safety issues. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting with their scouts. Parents were informed there will not be a troop meeting on October 31, 2011 due to UBC's Annual Fall Festival.

III. Report from Treasurer:

Treasurer, Leah Galliker, informed parents that there is \$15,000. in the bank. Some of this is earmarked for the troop's trip to Philmont next year, as well as other events that are coming up on the calendar. Parents were informed of plans to break down the expenses so that the troop has a more precise idea of how much money the troop has to spend through next year. Parents were informed that while Mrs. Galliker has volunteered to take on the Advancement position, she will continue as Treasurer until a replacement is found.

IV. Report from Advancement/BOR Committee:

Advancement Chair, Julie Lovelace, informed parents that there are 7 scouts going through their SMC's tonight, which means there will be 4 boards next Monday October 10, 2011. Parents should look for an e-mail from Jennifer Crucian looking for volunteers to sit on the boards. Parents were encouraged to help out if they can.

V. Report from Outdoor Activities Committee:

Triathlon Recap- Mr. Rodriguez suggested we invite Pack 595 next time and maybe come up with a token/participation award to give the younger guys for participating.

Lake Livingston- Mr. Rodriguez, who attended the campout, noted that it went much better than it sounded at the Start/Stop/Continue discussion that the boys had at the last troop meeting. It seemed to him that the boys really enjoyed their time at the island, however, since it took 1 hour to Canoe out and 1 hour to Canoe back, the scouts did not get a lot of time on the island. He informed parents that Lake Livingston was a good place to camp and, overall, the boys seemed to enjoy it.

Backpacking 101- Mr. Joe Layden, Backpacking 101 Campout Coordinator, informed parents that this campout will be at El Rancho Cima. As of September 30, 2011 El Rancho Cima is open. There will be no stoves aloud. Scouts are to bring MRE's. It is a backpacking campout, so the boys should all bring their backpacks. It is expected that all scouts that will be going to Philmont will attend, as this was designed as a "First Time Out" for the Philmont crew.

Fall Camp at Karankawa- Mrs. Lisa Phillips, Fall Camp Coordinator, informed parents that adult volunteers are still needed to camp and pull the trailers. The camp fee will be \$200. She explained that she will be sending out an e-mail asking those who intend to go to camp to reply and to bring \$100. to the October 10th scout meeting. The e-mail will also include the list of Merit Badges. Scouts should rank their choices 1-10. If there is a Merit Badge that a scout needs for Rank Advancement, they should note it next to that selection. A quick turn-around is required, therefore, all paperwork should be returned at next Monday's, October 10, 2011, scout meeting.

VI. Report from Service Project Coordinator:

Mr. Al Estes, Service Project Coordinator, informed parents that our troop requires scouts to have 3 hours of service to attend Fall Camp. There are many opportunities to do this. He suggested that when determining which projects to volunteer for, scouts should give first priority to helping those boys who are doing their Eagle Projects. Opportunities this month include:

.Kevin Davis' Eagle Project-- Picking up trash on Horsepen Bayou 10/08/2011 from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.

.Kyle Ludovice's Eagle Project—Pouring Cement at Clearlake United Methodist Church tentatively scheduled for 10/29/2011 7a.m.-2p.m.

.UBC Fall Festival set-up— 10/30/2011 From 3:30 until they are finished

.UBC Fall Festival Clean-up-- 10/31/2011 Starting at around 9 p.m.

Mrs. Francis add that while 3 hours is the minimum amount of time the troop asks for, those who can do more should be encouraged to do as much as their schedule will allow. Participation in these projects gives our scouts a sense of community and service to others.

VII. Report from Fundraising Committee:

Mrs. Francis informed parents that the next Flag Fundraising event will be Veteran's Day. The flags will go out November 6th and be brought back in November 12th. Mr. Kuhlman, Flag Fundraising Coordinator, will send out an e-mail soon with a list of those signed up and specific directions. Parents were reminded that all families are expected to volunteer for two of the four holidays each year, and if they have not yet worked their second holiday, they need to participate this time. Staggering the pick-up and drop-off worked well last time, so it will be set up the same way again giving parents the opportunity to sign-up for their pick-up and drop-off time. If a parent finds they are running late, they should call the event coordinator. After some group discussion about adding other neighborhoods, Mrs. Francis informed parents that as the system improves, we will consider adding new neighborhoods.

VIII. Report from Scoutmaster/Senior Patrol Leader:

Senior Patrol Leader, Mr. Jeffery Myers, informed the parents that the scouts will be voting on where to go to summer camp in 2012 at next week's meeting. The following camps are up for consideration:

.Camp Hale in S.E. Oklahoma

.Camp Pioneer in Arkansas

.BTSR in west Texas

.Camp Skymont in Tennessee

.El Rancho Cima in Texas

.Sid Richardson in Northern Texas

Parents were encouraged to look at the camps with their scouts before they vote next week. Mr. Ed Van Blarcom suggested that when looking at the camps, the scouts should be reminded to compare how many Eagle Required Badges are offered at each. Mr. Myers also informed the parents that the scouts would be preparing for backpacking 101 next week, and noted that those scouts going to Philmont are expected to attend this month's campout (backpacking 101). He also noted that two weeks from tonight the scouts will hold their Order of the Arrow Elections, and reminded parents that in three weeks an HPD officer will give a talk on internet safety and cyber bullying. All were encouraged to attend. There will be time at the end for a question and answer period for just the parents. Mr. Lovelace reminded parents there will not be a meeting on October 31st due to the UBC Fall Festival clean-up. Mr. Lovelace introduced Mr. Ted Kell, with Troop-952, who will be replacing Mr. Bob Keller as Unit Commissioner. Mr. Kell is also on the District Training Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59

See attendance sheet for a list of those present.